

## Patents by Inventor Charles Lieber

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### TRANSITION METAL OXIDE NANOWIRES

**Publication number:** 20080003839

**Abstract:** Nanowires are disclosed which comprise transition metal oxides. The transition metal oxides may include oxides of group II, group III, group IV and lanthanide metals. Also disclosed are methods for making nanowires which comprise injecting decomposition agents into a solution comprising solvents and metallic alkoxide or metallic salt precursors.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** June 19, 2007

**Publication date:** January 3, 2008

**Inventors:** Hongkun Park, Charles Lieber, Jeffrey Urban, Qian Gu, Wan Yun

### Nanoscale wires and related devices

**Publication number:** 20070281156

**Abstract:** The present invention relates generally to sub-microelectronic circuitry, and more particularly to nanometer-scale articles, including nanoscale wires which can be selectively doped at various locations and at various levels. In some cases, the articles may be single crystals. The nanoscale wires can be doped, for example, differentially along their length, or radially, and either in terms of identity of dopant, concentration of dopant, or both. This may be used to provide both n-type and p-type conductivity in a single item, or in different items in close proximity to each other, such as in a crossbar array. The fabrication and growth of such articles is described, and the arrangement of such articles to fabricate electronic, optoelectronic, or spintronic devices and components.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** March 21, 2006

**Publication date:** December 6, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Xiangfeng Duan, Yi Cui, Yu Huang, Mark Gudiksen, Lincoln Lauhon, Jianfang Wang, Hongkun Park, Qingqiao Wei, Wenjie Liang, David Smith, Deli Wang, Zhaohui Zhong

### NANOSCOPIC WIRE-BASED DEVICES AND ARRAYS

**Publication number:** 20070272951

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanoscopic wires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanoscopic wires can be nanotubes, preferably single-walled carbon nanotubes. They can be arranged in crossbar arrays using chemically patterned surfaces for direction, via chemical vapor deposition. Chemical vapor deposition also can be used to form nanotubes in arrays in the presence of directing electric fields, optionally in combination with self-assembled monolayer patterns. Bistable devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** August 6, 2007

**Publication date:** November 29, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Thomas Rueckes, Ernesto Joselevich, Kevin Kim

### Nanosensors

**Publication number:** 20070264623

**Abstract:** The present invention generally relates to nanoscale wires for use in determining analytes suspected to be present in a sample, especially in connection with determining information about a sample containing, or suspected of containing, two or more analytes. For example, the invention can involve a competitive, uncompetitive, or non-competitive binding assay including a nanoscale wire to a sample containing a species able to interact with the retain entity to produce a product, where the sample also contains or is suspected of containing a second species able to interact with the reaction entity to prevent production of the product resulting from interaction of the first species and the reaction entity. Based upon determination of production of the product, determination of the second species in the sample can be made.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** June 15, 2005

**Publication date:** November 15, 2007

**Applicant:** PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE

**Inventors:** Wayne Wang, Chuo Chen, Keng-Hui Lin, Ying Fang, Charles Lieber

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500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** July 2, 2007

**Publication date:** November 1, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

#### Nanoscopic wired-based devices and arrays

**Publication number:** 20070161237

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanoscopic wires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanoscopic wires can be nanotubes, preferably single-walled carbon nanotubes. They can be arranged in crossbar arrays using chemically patterned surfaces for direction, via chemical vapor deposition. Chemical vapor deposition also can be used to form nanotubes in arrays in the presence of directing electric fields, optionally in combination with self-assembled monolayer patterns. Bistable devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** September 29, 2006

**Publication date:** July 12, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Thomas Rueckes, Ernesto Joselevich, Kevin Kim

#### Nanosensors

**Publication number:** 20070158766

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanowires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanowires can be nanotubes and nanowires. The surface of the nanowires may be selectively functionalized. Nanodetector devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 17, 2006

**Publication date:** July 12, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Hongkun Park, Qingqiao Wei, Yi Cui, Wenjie Liang

#### Doped elongated semiconductors, growing such semiconductors, devices including such semiconductors, and fabricating such devices

**Publication number:** 20070048492

**Abstract:** A bulk-doped semiconductor that is at least one of the following: a single crystal, an elongated and bulk-doped semiconductor that, at any point along its longitudinal axis, has a largest cross-sectional dimension less than 500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 4, 2006

**Publication date:** March 1, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

#### Nanoscopic wired-based devices and arrays

**Publication number:** 20070045667

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanoscopic wires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanoscopic wires can be nanotubes, preferably single-walled carbon nanotubes. They can be arranged in crossbar arrays using chemically patterned surfaces for direction, via chemical vapor deposition. Chemical vapor deposition also can be used to form nanotubes in arrays in the presence of directing electric fields, optionally in combination with self-assembled monolayer patterns. Bistable devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** November 3, 2006

**Publication date:** March 1, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Thomas Rueckes, Ernesto Joselevich, Kevin Kim

500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest

width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 4, 2006

**Publication date:** February 8, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

#### [Doped elongated semiconductors, growing such semiconductors, devices including such semiconductors, and fabricating such devices](#)

**Publication number:** 20070032051

**Abstract:** A bulk-doped semiconductor that is at least one of the following: a single crystal, an elongated and bulk-doped semiconductor that, at any point along its longitudinal axis, has a largest cross-sectional dimension less than 500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 4, 2006

**Publication date:** February 8, 2007

**Applicant:** President and fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

#### [Doped elongated semiconductors, growing such semiconductors, devices including such semiconductors, and fabricating such devices](#)

**Publication number:** 20070032052

**Abstract:** A bulk-doped semiconductor that is at least one of the following: a single crystal, an elongated and bulk-doped semiconductor that, at any point along its longitudinal axis, has a largest cross-sectional dimension less than 500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 4, 2006

**Publication date:** February 8, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

#### [Doped elongated semiconductors, growing such semiconductors, devices including such semiconductors, and fabricating such devices](#)

**Publication number:** 20070026645

**Abstract:** A bulk-doped semiconductor that is at least one of the following: a single crystal, an elongated and bulk-doped semiconductor that, at any point along its longitudinal axis, has a largest cross-sectional dimension less than 500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 4, 2006

**Publication date:** February 1, 2007

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

#### [Nanoscale sensors](#)

**Publication number:** 20060269927

**Abstract:** Various aspects of the present invention generally relate to nanoscale wire devices and methods for use in determining analytes suspected to be present in a sample, and systems and methods of immobilizing entities such as

reaction entities relative to nanoscale wires. In one aspect, a nucleic acid, such as DNA, may be immobilized relative to a nanoscale wire. In other embodiments, the nucleic acid may interact with entities such as other nucleic acids, proteins, etc., and in some cases, such interactions may be

electric field interactions between the nucleic acid and the nanoscale wire.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** May 25, 2005

**Publication date:** November 30, 2006

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Fernando Patolsky, Gengfeng Zheng

#### Nanoscopical wire-based devices and arrays

**Publication number:** 20060237749

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanoscopic wires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanoscopic wires can be nanotubes, preferably single-walled carbon nanotubes. They can be arranged in crossbar arrays using chemically patterned surfaces for direction, via chemical vapor deposition. Chemical vapor deposition also can be used to form nanotubes in arrays in the presence of directing electric fields, optionally in combination with self-assembled monolayer patterns. Bistable devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** November 21, 2005

**Publication date:** October 26, 2006

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Thomas Rueckes, Ernesto Joselevich, Kevin Kim

#### System and method for processing nanowires with holographic optical tweezers

**Publication number:** 20060240591

**Abstract:** A system and method for manipulating and processing nanowires in solution with arrays of holographic optical traps. The system and method of the present invention is capable of creating hundreds of individually controlled optical traps with the ability to manipulate objects in three dimensions. Individual nanowires with cross-sections as small as 20 nm and lengths exceeding 20  $\mu$ m are capable of being isolated, translated, rotated and deposited onto a substrate with holographic optical trap arrays under conditions where single traps have no discernible influence. Spatially localized photothermal and photochemical processes induced by the well-focused traps can also be used to melt localized domains on individual nanowires and to fuse nanowire junctions.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** January 11, 2006

**Publication date:** October 26, 2006

**Inventors:** David Grier, Ritesh Agarwal, Guihua Yu, Charles Lieber, Kosta Ladavac, Yael Roichman

#### Nanoscopical wire-based devices and arrays

**Publication number:** 20060220067

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanoscopic wires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanoscopic wires can be nanotubes, preferably single-walled carbon nanotubes. They can be arranged in crossbar arrays using chemically patterned surfaces for direction, via chemical vapor deposition. Chemical vapor deposition also can be used to form nanotubes in arrays in the presence of directing electric fields, optionally in combination with self-assembled monolayer patterns. Bistable devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** December 20, 2005

**Publication date:** October 5, 2006

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Thomas Rueckes, Ernesto Joselevich, Kevin Kim

#### Nanoscale wires and related devices

**Publication number:** 20060175601

**Abstract:** The present invention relates generally to sub-microelectronic circuitry, and more particularly to nanometer-scale articles, including nanoscale wires which can be selectively doped at various locations and at various levels. In some cases, the articles may be single crystals. The nanoscale wires can be doped, for example, differentially along their length, or radially, and either in terms of identity of dopant, concentration of dopant, or both. This may be used to provide both n-type and p-type conductivity in a single item, or in different items in close proximity to each other, such as in a crossbar array. The fabrication and growth of such articles is described, and the arrangement of such articles to fabricate electronic, optoelectronic, or spintronic devices and components.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** June 30, 2005

**Publication date:** August 10, 2006

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Xiangfeng Duan, Yi Cui, Yu Huang, Mark Gudiksen, Lincoln Lauhon, Jianfang Wang, Hongkun Park, Qingqiao Wei, Wenjie Liang, David Smith, Deli Wang, Zhaohui Zhong

#### Array-based architecture for molecular electronics

**Publication number:** 20060161876

**Abstract:** An architecture for nanoscale electronics is disclosed. The architecture comprises arrays of crossed

nanoscale wires having selectively programmable crosspoints. Nanoscale wires of one array are shared by other



**Publication date:** July 20, 2006

**Inventors:** Andre DeHon, Charles Lieber

#### Nanosensors

**Publication number:** 20060054936

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanowires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanowires can be nanotubes and nanowires. The surface of the nanowires may be selectively functionalized. Nanodetector devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** December 15, 2004

**Publication date:** March 16, 2006

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Hongkun Park, Qingqiao Wei, Yi Cui, Wenjie Liang

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### [Nanoscale arrays, robust nanostructures, and related devices](#)

**Publication number:** 20050253137

**Abstract:** The present invention relates generally to nanotechnology and sub-microelectronic circuitry, and more particularly to nanoelectronics. One aspect of the invention is directed to nanostructures on substrates. In some cases, the substrate may be or comprise glass and/or polymers, and in some cases, the substrate may be flexible and/or transparent. The present invention is also directed, according to another aspect, to techniques for fabricating nanostructures on substrates. For example, monolayers of nanoscale semiconductors may be etched, e.g. photolithographically, to yield discrete and/or predetermined arrays of nanoscale semiconductors and other articles on a substrate. In one embodiment, the array may include hundreds, thousands, or more of electronic components such as field-effect transistors. Such arrays may be connected to electrodes using photolithographic techniques, and in some cases, without the need for registering individual semiconductor-metal contacts.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** November 22, 2004

**Publication date:** November 17, 2005

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Dongmok Whang, Song Jin, Yue Wu, Michael McAlpine, Robin Friedman, Charles Lieber

### [Doped elongated semiconductors, growing such semiconductors, devices including such semiconductors and fabricating such devices](#)

**Publication number:** 20050164432

**Abstract:** A bulk-doped semiconductor that is at least one of the following: a single crystal, an elongated and bulk-doped semiconductor that, at any point along its longitudinal axis, has a largest cross-sectional dimension less than 500 nanometers, and a free-standing and bulk-doped semiconductor with at least one portion having a smallest width of less than 500 nanometers. Such a semiconductor may comprise an interior core comprising a first semiconductor; and an exterior shell comprising a different material than the first semiconductor. Such a semiconductor may be elongated and may have, at any point along a longitudinal section of such a semiconductor, a ratio of the length of the section to a longest width is greater than 4:1, or greater than 10:1, or greater than 100:1, or even greater than 1000:1.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** March 17, 2005

**Publication date:** July 28, 2005

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Yi Cui, Xiangfeng Duan, Yu Huang

### [Nanoscopical wire-based devices and arrays](#)

**Publication number:** 20050117441

**Abstract:** Electrical devices comprised of nanoscopic wires are described, along with methods of their manufacture and use. The nanoscopic wires can be nanotubes, preferably single-walled carbon nanotubes. They can be arranged in crossbar arrays using chemically patterned surfaces for direction, via chemical vapor deposition. Chemical vapor deposition also can be used to form nanotubes in arrays in the presence of directing electric fields, optionally in combination with self-assembled monolayer patterns. Bistable devices are described.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** October 26, 2004

**Publication date:** June 2, 2005

**Applicant:** President and Fellows of Harvard College

**Inventors:** Charles Lieber, Thomas Rueckes, Ernesto Joselevich, Kevin Kim

### [Transition metal oxide nanowires](#)

**Publication number:** 20050064731

**Abstract:** Nanowires are disclosed which comprise transition metal oxides. The transition metal oxides may include oxides of group II, group III, group IV and lanthanide metals. Also disclosed are methods for making nanowires which comprise injecting decomposition agents into a solution comprising solvents and metallic alkoxide or metallic salt precursors.

**Type:** Application

**Filed:** July 22, 2002

**Publication date:** March 24, 2005

**Inventors:** Hongkun Park, Charles Lieber, Jeffrey Urban, Qian Gu, Wan Yun

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